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SUBJ: SAIC EXECUTIVE MEETS WITH INDIAN AFFAIRS MINISTER

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1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN COUNCIL (SAIC) HEADED BY DR. A.M. MOOLA, MET WITH INDIAN AFFAIRS MINISTER MARAIS STEYN AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS REASONS SAIC PROROGUED ITSELF JULY 26 (REFTEL). IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH CONOFF, MOOLA DESCRIBED THE 5 HOUR MEETING AS AN ATTEMPT BY SAIC EXECUTIVE TO DETAIL THEIR GRIEVANCES AND EXPLAIN TO SAG THAT FAILURE TO ACT ON THESE PROBLEMS WOULD INEVITABLY DISCREDIT THE MODERATE, INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP IN THE INDIAN COMMUNITY AND FORCE PRETORIA TO INSTALL EITHER PLIANT CONSERVATIVES WITH NO STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY OR DEAL WITH RADICALS WHOSE DEMANDS WOULD BE MORE POLITICAL AND LESS REASONABLE THAN THE SAIC'S.

2. MOOLA SHOWED CONOFF COPY OF DEMANDS PRESENTED TO STEYN, WHICH ARE LARGELY CONFINED TO ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, IMPROVED HOUSING AND SCHOOLS AND FAIRER TREATMENT FOR INDIANS AND NOTABLY LACK ANY MENTION OF BASIC POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

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MOOLA ASSERTED THAT HIS ARGUMENT WAS THAT THEIR DEMANDS DO NOT TOUCH UPON RESIDENTIAL OR EDUCATIONAL RESTRICTIONS OR MISCEGENATION AND THUS DO NOT IMPINGE UPON THE BASIC TENETS OF APARTHEID AS ANNOUNCED BY STEYN AT NAT PARTY CONGRESS IN DURBAN A FEW DAYS BEFORE (DURBAN 476).

3. EXECUTIVE DID NOT FINISH PRESENTATION AUG 22 AND STEYN

AGREED TO MEET WITH THEM SEPT 1 TO CONTINUE TALKS. MOOLA
SAID STEYN MADE NO COMMITMENTS AND THAT HE HIMSELF REMAINED
SKEPTICAL THAT THE SAG WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ON SAIC'S ISSUES.
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